



RUNWAY SAFETY BULLETIN NO. 10

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**TO: Towered Airports
 ATCT Facilities**

**FROM: Regional Runway Safety Program Manager
 Southern Region**

Safety is our number one priority - and Runway Safety is Everyone's Business!

The trend for severity and frequency of runway incursions and surface incidents at airports has decreased from previous years. However, we must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to enhance safety awareness at airports to further reduce runway incursions and surface incidents. Through improved training and education, we can reduce risks of runway incursions resulting from errors by pilots, air traffic controllers, pedestrians, vehicles, tug operators, and mechanics taxiing aircraft. Runway safety can only be improved through the concerted effort of the airport, aviation community and the FAA. We continue to spread the word about runway safety through runway safety action team meetings and airport safety assessments, pilot safety seminars, workshops, conferences, safety bulletins and through the Regional Runway Safety Program's website at www.faa.gov/aso/runway.htm/. Through communications and collaboration, we have developed safety initiatives, lessons learned and best practices, to share with airports that have experienced a high number of runway incursions.

10 most frequent conditions at time of runway incursions

- Airport diagram not used or not current
- Failure to follow ATC instructions
- No read back clearance
- Inexperience at towered airports (Phraseology)
- Radio frequency congestion
- Unfavorable environmental conditions
- Unfamiliarity with the airport and with airport signage
- Inadequate airport perimeter fencing/ designated access points not used
- Obscured and incorrect airport Signs/Markings/Lighting
- No recurrent driver training

We are eager to work with you and help you **"Put the Brakes"** on surface incidents.

- Make runway safety a part of all operational activities (i.e. coordinate construction activities and keep users aware of airport changes).
- Support runway safety education, training and awareness through pilot, mechanics and airport operations meetings.
- Integrate runway safety into initial and recurrent training.
- Conduct regular airfield familiarization tours for tower personnel.

If you have any safety concerns or questions, feel free to call us at **(404) 305-5557** or send us an e-mail message at 9-ASO-Runway-Safety@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna B. Cohen".